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Festal Antiphons for Ascension are on page 197 of the old Liturgy book and 302 of the new Divine Liturgy book

Tone 4

Troparion (*Ascension*)

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured, that You are the Son of God, // the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8

Troparion (*Fathers*)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Fathers*)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Ascension*)

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love You, but remaining with them and crying: // "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

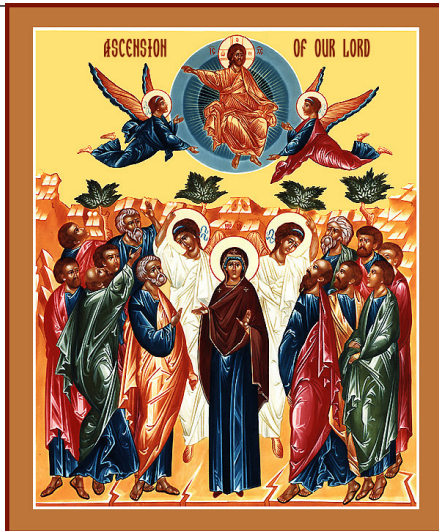
Epistle Acts 1:1-12 Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Tone 1 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet

Clap your hands all peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy

Gospel Luke 24:36-53 John 17:1-13



Today's commemorated feasts and saints

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — **Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension.** Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome: Martyrs Justin, Chariton and his wife, Charity, Euelpistus, Hierax, Peon, Valerian, and Justus (166 A.D.). Ven. Dionysius, Abbot of Glushétsk (Vologdá—1437). Ven. Agápit, Unmercenary Physician, of the Kiev Caves (11th c.).

**Happy
Birthday**
May God Grant
You Many Years

June

Brendan Gates
Elena Monahan
Greg Huba
Sarah Richter
Anika Richter
Ted Kisha
Don Wescott
Cassandra Gibson

Announcements:

The **Coffee hour** signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board, please sign up!

This Wednesday evening instead of vespers we are planning to celebrate the **Akathist service: "Glory to God for all things."** This was composed by a Russian Orthodox priest in a Communist prison camp shortly before he died a martyr for the faith. It is an incredibly beautiful service of thanksgiving and one of my favorite church services. I have it on CD and listen to it all the time. Personally, it helps me practice having an attitude of thanksgiving. The benefits of this attitude are great! Thanksgiving is opposite to depression, anxiety, anger, etc. It tends to neutralize negative feelings and replace them with positive ones. Who can't benefit from this?

It is our plan to have an Akathist service periodically on Wednesday evenings, eventually working up to every two weeks once the choir and myself can get the services all prepared. We will do several different types of Akathist including the above Akathist of thanksgiving, the Akathist to the Theotokos, and the Akathist to our Lord Jesus. **I really want to en-**



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courage attendance at these, especially if you sing in the choir – as it is our plan to eventually make a recording. The great thing is that all the Akathists use the same melody. So attending any of them will help you sing the others.

Fr Stacey's Articles:

I have written a number of articles lately. All of them should now be available on the website, and we are hoping to also have them all available on facebook too. More are on the way! I am hoping to have my next one available for next Sunday. **I really want to stress that you all read them.** I am not a natural writer. I am not a blogger. These are not Fr Stacey's writing for the fun of it, or just general things about Orthodoxy or because I just like to write. It is none of that. It is hard work for me, and everything I write to the parish is personalized for Holy Assumption. Some of them may be decent articles – but they are not at all meant for everyone. **I only wrote them because I felt God wanted me to write about these things to the parish. If God wanted me to write them for you, it seems likely that he would also want you to read them!**

Please continue to pray for **Rick and Tracie Degenhart** and their son Will. He is recovering well through the prayers of us all. Thanks be to God!

Today is our last Sunday of Church School for this school year. To celebrate - you will notice that we have our church school children actively involved in every aspect of the liturgy. There will be no classes today, however there will be cake and an activity in the church hall.

Vacation Church School for ages 5-12 will be held this year at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church from June 16-20 from 9 am to 12 pm . There is no cost for this. Please register soon! Registration forms must be in by June 9. Fr. Stacey has registration forms, and there is more information on the bulletin board in the hall.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!



If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.

CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

Our Vision:

To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others

Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

This Week:

Today

Hours	9:10 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:15 AM

Wednesday

Daily Vespers	6:30 PM
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Saturday

Great Vespers	5:00 PM
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Next Sunday

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Hours	9:10 AM
Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Prayers	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:30 AM

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Upcoming

Children's Festival	Aug 17
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Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings INBN.net

Coffee Hour Schedule

JUNE 1 VORKAPICH , WESCOTT , POWELL

JUNE 8 HAYWOOD , CROSTON , FRISCHKORN , TAPYRIK

JUNE 15 KRAJCI , BLANCHARD , BYRNES , LEWIS

JUNE 22 CONDO , MATHEWSON , RICHTER

JUNE 29 ROMANO , KOSITA

